MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Instances of differences of opinion between Medical and Police Officers are extremely rare and Government are not aware that there is any increasing sense of insecurity among the people, as alleged by the Member.

(*b*) Government do not consider the suggested rules practicable.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to inquire of the Police Commissioner and the Darbar Physician whether there were such cases in Kayankulam ?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Government will inquire.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): With regard to part (*a*), considering the fact that matters of life and death are involved, and cases of murder are rare compared to other incidents in the life of the country, do not Government consider that even rare cases require to be provided against in the interests of the safety of the public?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes,

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to give their reasons for considering the rules suggested to be not practicable?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. One of the reasons is that, when a medical officer conducts an examination, it is not reasonable to require the presence of laymen and to have the attestation of lay witnesses, because these people would not understand the observations made by the medical officer, and it is absolutely no good making the lay witnesses attest entries which they do not understand.

Number of Students from the Depressed Classes studying in Government and Aided Colleges.

143. **MR. S. GNANA JOSHUA** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state how many students from the depressed classes are now studying in the Government and Aided Colleges in the State?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): One; a Pulaya student studying in His Highness the Maha Raja's Sanskrit College, Trivandrum.

Auditing of Accounts in the Offices of Heads of Departments.

144. **MR. C. P. TARAKAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have passed any orders to the effect that the accounts in the offices of Heads of Departments need not ordinarily be audited?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Financial Secretary to Government*): In 1093, Mr. Dukoff Gordon, who examined the account system followed in the State, pointed out that the inspection of the accounts maintained in the offices of Heads of Departments is desirable only in the following cases: —

(1) Departments which render original accounts to the Account Office.

(2) Departments where there are material quantities of stores held in account and where there are large items of receipts.

He expressed the opinion that the inspection of the accounts of offices which have only ordinary accounts of usual receipts, and expenditure on salaries, establishment and contingencies is undesirable as it would be vexatious and would weaken the control and responsibility of the Head of the Office. These views were accepted by Government, and from 1093 onwards, the inspection of accounts in the offices of Heads of Departments by the Account Office has been restricted to the two classes enumerated by Mr. Gordon. The orders of Government are contained in G. O. Fl. 569, dated the 6th March, 1919.

Quinquennial Audit of the Offices of Heads of Departments.

145. **MR. C. P. TARAKAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether, in the interests of efficiency, they will be pleased to order the auditing of the accounts of the offices of Heads of Departments at least once in five years?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Financial Secretary to Government*): The matter will be considered by Government.

Offices audited during 1095—1100.

146. **MR. C. P. TARAKAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether any of the offices of Heads of Departments has been audited during the past five years, and, if so, to state the names of such offices and also the general results of the audit?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Financial Secretary to Government*): The accounts of the offices of the following Heads of Departments have been inspected during the past five years:—

(*a*) Departments rendering original accounts to the Account Office:

(i) Maramath Executive Engineer's Office.
(ii) Anchal Superintendent's Office.

(*b*) Departments in which there are large items of receipts or stores:

(i) Ayurveda Pharmacy and Hospital.
(ii) The Military Department (Nayar Brigade and Body Guard).
(iii) Excise Commissioner's Office (Stores).
(iv) Police Commissioner's Office (Stores and Receipts under Motor Vehicles Regulation).
(v) Museum and Public Gardens.

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